

SENATE BILL 124

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By: ~~Senator Astle~~ Senators Astle, Conway, Dyson, Benson, Ferguson, Jennings, Montgomery, Pinsky, Reilly, Rosapepe, Simonaire, and Young

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Flag Display on State House Grounds – Honor and Remember and POW/MIA**
3 **Flags**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring that the Honor and Remember flag be flown on the State
5 House grounds on certain days each year; altering the days on which the
6 POW/MIA flag is to be flown on State House grounds; requiring the State House
7 Trust to determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and
8 Remember flag will be flown; defining a certain term; and generally relating to
9 the display of the Honor and Remember and POW/MIA flags on the State House
10 grounds.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – State Government
13 Section 13–205
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2009 Replacement Volume and 2010 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article – State Government**

19 13–205.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike-out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (a) (1) In this section[,] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
2 **INDICATED.**

3 (2) "POW/MIA flag" means the POW/MIA flag of the National League
4 of Families of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia.

5 (3) **"HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG" MEANS THE HONOR AND**
6 **REMEMBER FLAG CREATED BY HONOR AND REMEMBER, INC.,**~~AND~~
7 ~~DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AS THE OFFICIAL SYMBOL TO~~
8 **RECOGNIZE AND HONOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES WHO DIED IN THE**
9 **LINE OF DUTY.**

10 (b) Each year, the POW/MIA flag **AND THE HONOR AND REMEMBER FLAG**
11 shall be flown on the State House grounds on:

12 (1) **THE THIRD SATURDAY IN MAY, FOR ARMED FORCES DAY;**

13 (2) May 30, for Memorial Day;

14 [(2)] (3) the day that the United States Congress designates for the
15 observance of Memorial Day if other than May 30;

16 [(3)] (4) the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to May 30, unless
17 the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of Memorial
18 Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day designated by
19 the United States Congress;

20 (5) **JULY 4, FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY;**

21 [(4)] (6) the third Friday in September, for POW/MIA Recognition
22 Day;

23 [(5)] (7) November 11, for Veterans' Day;

24 [(6)] (8) the day that the United States Congress designates for the
25 observance of Veterans' Day if other than November 11; and

26 [(7)] (9) the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to November 11,
27 unless the United States Congress designates another day for the observance of
28 Veterans' Day, in which case, the Saturday and Sunday that are closest to the day
29 designated by the United States Congress.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State House Trust
31 shall determine the site on the State House grounds where the Honor and Remember

1 flag will be flown as required by § 13–205 of the State Government Article, as enacted
2 by Section 1 of this Act.

3 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
4 July 1, 2011.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.